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AGENDA ITEM: Regional Partnership Councils recommended Government Agreements and Procurement Awards.

BACKGROUND: The attached table provides information on the strategies being implemented by government agreements and procurement awards. The table includes recommendations for 2011 funding plans for White Mountain Apache Tribe, Yuma, Northwest Maricopa Regional Councils, and one cross-regional agreement. The total amount for these agreements is $959,506.29.

RECOMMENDATION: FTF staff recommends approval of these agreements.

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Recommended Government Agreements and Procurement Awards
December 6-7, 2010

Total Agreements: $ 959,506.29		
Government to Government Agreements: $216,176.29		
Regional Partnership Councils with Family Support Strategies		
Regional Partnership Council	**Strategy Summary**	**Agreement**
White Mountain Apache Tribe	Family Support- Special Needs Parent Coaching Supports for parents of children at-risk for developmental delay. The goal is to provide supports for parents of children who have been diagnosed with a development delay but who do not qualify for early intervention services. Services will include a home-visitation component as well as a group activity component in order to provide parents with a comprehensive set of services to address their child's developmental needs.	Government-to-government agreement with the Indian Health Services to serve 25 families reservation-wide. Agreement period: January 1, 2011- June 30, 2011 Agreement Amount: $63,438.41
White Mountain Apache Tribe	Community Based Literacy Early Literacy-Reach Out and Read Implementation of the national Reach Out and Read program at the Whiteriver and Cibecue Indian Health Service Units.	An amendment to the statewide grant award with the American Academy of Pediatrics Agreement period: January 1, 2011- June 30, 2011 Agreement Amount: $33,237.88

Regional Partnership Councils with Strategies to Incr[illegible] Quality, Access or Affordability of Early Care and Educati[illegible]		
Regional Partnership Council	**Strategy Summary**	**Agreement**
Yuma	Inclusion of Children with Special Needs Promoting Inclusive Environments- To increase the capacity of qualified Early Childhood Education programs to include and serve children with Special health and/or developmental needs through technical assistance, training, and specialized equipment to early care and education providers.	Waiver of Competition- ADOA approved direct negotiation with Southwest Human Development. The grantee will serve 8 centers and 16 home-based providers annually reaching up to 120 staff. Agreement period: January 1, 2011-June 30, 2011 Agreement Amount: $115,500 .00
Regional Partnership Councils with Communication Strategies		
White Mountain Apache Tribe	Community Awareness To increase public awareness about early childhood health and development through a parenting conference including a keynote speaker and breakout sessions on early childhood development and health which include college credit through Northland Pioneer College.	Government to Government Agreement with the Whiteriver Unified School District to hold a parenting conference for 200 participants. Agreement Period: January 1 – June 30, 2011 Agreement Amount: $4,000.00

Procurement Agreements: $ 743,300.00		
Regional Partnership Councils with Family Support Strategies		
Regional Partnership Council	**Strategy Summary**	**Agreement**
Northwest Maricopa	Food Insecurity To provide food boxes to young children in the Northwest Maricopa region.	Agreement with St Mary's Food Bank to provide 2,400 food boxes. Agreement Period: December 15, 2010- June 30, 2011 Agreement Amount: $60,000.00

Statewide Evaluation Projects		
Regional Partnership Council	**Strategy Summary**	**Agreement**
All Regional Partnership Councils and Statewide Program	Parent Kit Study Studies will explore multiple aspects of the Parent Kit initiative: 1) a study of the Parent Kit providers to identify issues and barriers to distribution; 2) a prospective randomized pre-test, post-test study of approximately 3,380 parents to compare knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors in a group that received the Parent Kit at birth and a group that receives the Parent Kit ten to twelve weeks after birth; and 3) a retrospective web-administered survey of parents who received the Parent Kit at various time points to explore use and attitudes about the Parent Kit, parenting concern and service needs and use over the infant and toddler years. This study will inform future funding of the Parent Kit by First Things First as well as contribute to the literature on universal parent education interventions in the infant and toddler period.	Interagency Service Agreement with the University of Arizona and the tri-university consortium to conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Arizona Parent Kit program. Agreement Period: January 1, 2011- December 31, 2011 Agreement Amount: $683,330